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it hath always given me a pleasure to look upon him, notwithstanding his monstrous height. His hair, which hangs in flowing ringlets down his shoulders, is of a colour like the brightest gold, and he hath likewise a handsome beard of the same hue. His dress is a large green cap or turban, which is covered with gold and sparkling diamonds, and a long purple vest, which is bound about his middle with a golden girdle, very richly ornamented with the finest pearls that could be had: all this, added to a blooming, and yet a manly countenance, which is full of sweetness and majesty, makes him, in my opinion, one of the noblest figures I have ever set my eyes upon. At present he is very little, if any thing, above thirty five years old: so that, considering his extensive knowledge, and the many amiable qualities he is possessed of, he may live to be an honour and a blessing to the human race, for many years to come, notwithstanding his being a giant. As to his pedigree, I can only inform you that he is descended from a very ancient

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and respectable family. But I cannot help observing that, be his pedigree what it will, (and without dispute it must be very noble) he is far from being proud of it: for he believes that it is a very foolish idle trick (though many great as well as little masters and misses are apt to be guilty of it) to take a pride in honour of our birth; and that, of the two, it is much more creditable to overcome the meanness of our descent by glorious actions, than to disgrace and forfeit the nobility we received from our ancestors by a base and unworthy behaviour! O rare Mr. *Giant*! thou art indeed a very good sort of a man, and a very sensible fellow! Mr. Newbery, I believe, hath a very fine picture of him, and here comes a copy of it.

CHAP.